

October 3, 2000

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Transportation Subcommittee

FROM: Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, October 11, 2000 - 10:00 a.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (480) 644-2388, or Eric Anderson, MAG Transportation Manager, at (602) 254-6300.

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REGIONAL COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDASUBCOMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

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| <p>1. <u>Call to Order</u></p> <p>2. <u>Approval of July 25, 2000 Meeting Minutes</u></p> <p>3. <u>Recommendation for Consultant to Develop Phase One of the MAG Regional Transportation Plan</u></p> <p>At the July meeting of the Regional Council Transportation Subcommittee, the scope of work for the development of the Regional Transportation Plan was reviewed. This scope was included in a Request for Proposals that was advertised, and three firms responded. On September 22, 2000, a group of advisors, generally comprised of the chairs of the MAG transportation committees, reviewed the proposals and recommended that the three firms be interviewed. Interviews are scheduled to be conducted on October 4, 2000. It is anticipated that the recommendation of the advisory group will be forwarded to the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) for their meeting on October 6, 2000. The recommendation of the TRC will be forwarded to the members of the Transportation Subcommittee. The members of the Management Committee will review the consultant recommendation at their meeting on October 18, 2000.</p> <p>4. <u>Recommendation for the Future Designation of the CANAMEX Corridor Through the Maricopa Region</u></p> <p>At the July Subcommittee meeting, an update was provided on the selection of a CANAMEX Corridor through the Maricopa region. Study of the corridor was initiated by MAG and ADOT, and a consultant was hired by ADOT to assist in the compilation of evaluation data for the route options.</p> | <p>2. Review and approve July 25, 2000 meeting minutes.</p> <p>3. Recommend the selection of a consultant firm to develop Phase One of the Regional Transportation Plan for an amount of \$510,000.</p> <p>4. Recommend approval of the MAG/ADOT CANAMEX report and approve the resolution for the future designation of the CANAMEX Corridor through the Maricopa region.</p> |
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Numerous public meetings were held, and on September 14, 2000, the Governor's CANAMEX Task Force approved a resolution regarding additional routes to be eliminated from consideration and a resolution defining the route to be considered for future designation. Staff is in agreement with the action of the CANAMEX Task Force and has incorporated this action into the CANAMEX Report. A resolution has been prepared for consideration by the Subcommittee.

The route being proposed for the CANAMEX would be from Interstate 10 westerly along Interstate 8 and up State Route 85 to Interstate 10. The ultimate westerly bypass around Wickenburg identified by ADOT in the Design Concept Report is also being recommended as part of the route. The remaining portion, yet to be determined between the bypass and Interstate 10, would be located outside of the MAG nonattainment boundary as identified in the 1999 Serious Area Plan for PM-10. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5. Update on the 303 Corridor Alignment

The Arizona Department of Transportation has been studying improvements to the Interstate 17 corridor. One component of this study is the connection of the 303 into Interstate 17. Numerous connection points have been suggested, and MAG has been reviewing these possible connections and the projected impact on traffic flow in the Northwest Valley area. An update on these study efforts will be made to the Subcommittee.

6. Meeting Schedule for 2001

To assist Subcommittee members with scheduling their meetings, a meeting schedule for 2001 has been prepared.

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